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Dated

Dear Shri: Antony ji.

India Meteorological Department sources indicate that a deep depression has formed over North Andaman Sea which is likely to intensify into a very severe cyclonic storm and have land fall on the Odisha coast on 12th October, 2013 with an average wind speeds of 175-185 kmph with gusts up to 200 kmph. Even though the State is better prepared now compared to the situation in 1999 when the super cyclone devastated the coastal districts of Odisha, the cyclone is expected to impact on life and property. The districts likely to be affected by the impending cyclone have been asked to ensure all preparedness including evacuation of people in vulnerable areas to the Cyclone Shelters for their safety. We have also asked for the deployment of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to undertake the required search and rescue operations along with the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF).

Our past experience indicates that despite preparedness by the State Government, the impact of a very severe cyclonic storm requires support of the Defence Forces to mitigate the effects of the extreme weather event. On previous occasions in 2007, 2008 & 2011, Defence Forces had extended commendable cooperation to the State Government in relief and rescue operations.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly consider issuing standing instructions to the Defence Forces, especially the Air Force and the Navy to remain in readiness to extend support to the State Administration for rescue and relief operations as and when required. The Defence units located in Odisha and nearby locations may please be directed to provide all possible support to the civil authorities as and when requested by the State administration.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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